

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-15 are pending in the present application. In order to expedite allowance of the subject matter of claims 1-2, 4-6 and 11-15 (indicated by the Examiner as allowable), Applicants have canceled claims 3 and 7-10 without prejudice toward their reconsideration in a continuation application.

Applicants have further added the requested amendment relating to the related applications and have amended the paragraph describing the two portions of Figure 4 to clarify the reference to different portions of the figure.

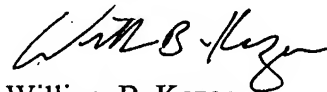
Applicants believe no new matter is presented in any portion of this amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5015.

Respectfully submitted,



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